

BEYOND THE “VICTIM” LABEL

UNDERSTANDING HOW TRAUMA IMPACTS INDIVIDUALS

Each year thousands of Floridians experience trauma as the result of crime, disasters, and other harmful events. Whether physical or emotional, trauma affects each person differently. To effectively respond to victims it is essential for volunteers and professionals to see the individual beyond the “victim” label. This inclusive program will benefit probation officers, first responders, victim advocates, social workers, mental health professionals, law enforcement, child protection advocates, educators, and all victim service professionals. During this 8-hour interactive training participants will gain a deeper understanding of the following:

- Diverse ways in which individuals and population groups are victimized;
- Signs, symptoms and lasting effects of trauma;
- Core needs of victimized individuals;
- Effective approaches for responses to victimized individuals.

Bonus Event: CPSI encourages volunteers and professionals who interact with victims of crime and other harmful events to attend a complimentary training: **Building Resilience in the Aftermath of Victimization: Helping Trauma Survivors to Thrive**, being offered by CPSI the following day; Friday 7/27/2018 same location and times. *Separate Registration Required*

July 26 , 2018

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Department of Corrections
3708-A West Oakland Park Blvd
Lauderdale Lakes**

Instructor Denise Hughes-Conlon has over 20 years’ experience providing treatment for offenders in Pinellas County. Denise is currently the Executive Director for Solutions Behavioral Health, an agency that works closely with the criminal justice system in treating substance abuse. She was the Clinical Director of PERC, an agency that works with people who are on probation or returning to society from prison. She is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, a certified Master’s Level Addictions Professional in the State of Florida, and is a Certified Batterers Intervention Program Provider, Assessor and Trainer. Denise has been a Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task Force member for several years, is a past president, a steering committee member and is presently a member of the Fatality Review Team. She is a member of the Association for Treatment of Sexual Abuse and past President and current board member of the Florida Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abuse. She has done training locally and nationally in the area of sex offender treatment, batterer’s intervention and trauma informed care. She is responsible for initiating trauma informed care into the Pinellas ex-offender Re-Entry Coalition and is a board member for Peace4tarpon working to maintain Tarpon as a trauma informed city.

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